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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

The Originals are this year's Canadian National Pond Hockey Men's Open Champions. See story on page 13.

Dysart scores \$400k from Feds for arena

By Matthew Desrosiers

Dysart is getting some help with the arena's renovation bill thanks to funding from the federal government.

Barry Devolin, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, made the announcement on Jan. 25 at the newly named A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

"I'm pleased the federal government was able to contribute more than \$400,000 to this project," he said. "The basic work was going to get done anyway, but I know the federal

investment is allowing the municipality to do a few extra things to really bring this facility back to the point where it's going to service our community for years to come."

The investment, which totals \$405,188, comes from the municipality's successful application to the Government of Canada's Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund

Murray Fearrey, Dysart et al reeve, said last summer council heard the arena's continuous leaks were becoming an

environmental concern. They decided to replace everything under the concrete pad.

"When we did that, we realized the arena was dated and we needed to bring it up to reasonable standards," he said. "We had an emergency situation."

The opportunity came to apply for funding. Fearrey gave credit to municipal staff for putting together an application to fit the fund's requirements.

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County approves new tourism position

By Lisa Harrison

When Bob Smith retired as the county's economic development and tourism marketing director in April 2012, council voted to move economic development to the lower tier municipalities and let the role go.

Less than a year later, councillors have voted unanimously to create a similar new role.

Council held a closed session to discuss the matter during its regular meeting on Jan. 23 and emerged to approve development of a new job description.

"I was defeated 7 to 1" over filling the role last year, new warden Carol Moffatt recalls. She explains the 2012 budget had progressed slowly – it wasn't finalized until the month Smith retired – and councillors voted to wait and see how the

During his seven-year tenure Smith was instrumental in several major tourism initiatives, including rallying local businesses to convince the province not to split the county into two different regional tourism organizations. He also expanded the county's tourism outreach with initiatives such as extending advertising across all forms of media and literally putting the county on the Ontario Provincial Highway Map as a magnified panel.

This year the budget is moving ahead quickly, slated for final review Feb. 6, and councillors agreed the county needs the leadership an experienced marketer can bring to the county's primary industry. Current staff would be the link to the community while the new role would link the county to the outside world.

"We need to generate more traffic," says Moffatt. "This

person's job will be to take what local people have created and what the community has developed and make the world want to come and do that here.

"The unfortunate position we've found ourselves in is the very person to decide what we should be doing next is the person we're going to hire," she adds. "We're not the people to be making the decisions."

Moffatt said the timing is good. The county's new tourism website, www.experiencehaliburton.com, is expected to launch in its initial format the week of Feb. 4. Councillors have also voted to increase the county's four-councillor tourism development committee by three members – two from the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee and one from the public – to improve communication with tourism stakeholders.

"On the one hand this county has come so far and yet in some aspects it hasn't moved on the dial in 15 years, so we need to sort of give it a shake," says Moffatt. "A lot of people have worked really hard in the community and I think they deserve tourism marketing leadership that can make a difference to their business."

Moffatt recommended to council that the job description include higher education, preferably in business, with a marketing and/or related communications focus; several years of experience in a recognized, well-developed marketing environment; direct experience with social media tools targeting specific groups; media plan creation experience; knowledge of a wide range of marketing techniques and concepts, management experience and more.

She says it will be a couple of months before hiring is complete.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

MP Barry Devolin presents Dysart et al council and staff with federal funding for the A.J. LaRue Arena renovations. From left: Dennis Casey, councillor, Bill Davis, councillor, Ray Miscio, Dysart et al manager of parks and recreation, MP Barry Devolin, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Walt McKechnie, councillor, and Tamara Wilbee, Dysart et al chief administrative officer.

Hockey coming back to Dysart Arena

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"This is one of the best things that has happened to this particular project," Fearrey said. "It allows us to finish the dressing rooms the way they should be done, add two new dressing rooms and make this a facility that will entertain hockey for the next 40 years."

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"Hockey plays a huge role in tourism here in Haliburton. This is very positive and great for our community."

Devolin said he supports council's decision to renovate the arena instead of replace it.

"I know this has been a tough winter for business in general, but hockey's going to come back here."



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Rail Trail budget may double

By Lisa Harrison

The county's public works department has proposed a 2013 budget of \$59,400 for the Haliburton County Rail Trail, more than double last year's actual \$27,900 and almost triple the budgeted \$20,000.

County council reviewed departmental budgets at their regular Jan. 23 meeting and made no changes to the Rail Trail budget. Final review of the 2013 county budget is scheduled for Feb. 6.

Department director Doug Ray told council the budget is based in part on recommendations from council's ad hoc committee review of the Rail Trail Community Engagement Strategy (RTCES) report received in March 2012.

Also, last year the department conducted a drainage and drainage structure evaluation and identified 23 culverts that will require repair over the next five years, many of them from the original Victoria Railway line from Lindsay built in the late 1800s.

The county was unsuccessful in its bid for 2013 Rail Trail funding under the federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, leaving the department to raise its materials, supplies and service budget line to \$38,000 versus the actual \$7,441 spent last year (and \$13,760 spent in 2011).

Among the budget items are the rehabilitation of three crossing culverts, repair and upgrading for one to two kilometres of trail surface, signage for regulations and for areas where additional caution is required,

and placement of private property fencing as required

The Haliburton ATV Association has contributed \$5,000 toward trail maintenance and repair in the past, but that is not treated as a budget item. The group supplied 500 tonnes of granite crush and screenings for trail surface repair in 2012.

Ray said repairs and upgrades will begin with the areas requiring it most. He reported the department did not seek input from cycling groups about trail conditions but neither have the groups contacted the department.

"I think they realize we're not going to have 33 kilometres of smooth surface trail for awhile," said Ray.

"The important thing is we're trying to make an effort to follow the [RTCES] recommendations, whether they're popular or not," said Warden Carol Moffatt.

"I'm encouraged to see us recommend some money to invest in this trail," said Barb Reid, Minden Hills reeve. "We've been kind of coasting along for years. It's a big change for 2012, but at two kilometres per year that would take us 15 years to get the trail all fixed, so I think we need to look at advancing our commitment even further. How we do that I'm not entirely sure but that will emerge through the rest of our discussions."

Moffatt told Ray council will take responsibility for identifying funding opportunities to support additional work on the trail



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

A tow truck operator straps onto an overturned truck on Highway 118 at Harburn Road on Jan. 28. The driver swerved into the ditch to avoid colliding with another vehicle. The driver was taken to hospital with minor injuries according to a source at the scene.

EMS to acquire new ambulance

By Lisa Harrison

The county's emergency services department has received council approval on its recommended 2013 ambulance purchase.

The 2013 Chevrolet diesel ambulance will be purchased from Crestline Coach Ltd. for \$123,817 plus HST, which will come from the department capital reserve fund.

In October the department received approval to purchase a new emergency

services response vehicle for administration and to retain the oldest ambulance in the fleet this year.

Usually the oldest ambulance is sold each year to help offset the new purchase. Retaining the older ambulance brings the county's fleet total to seven, providing a third spare to offset availability issues due to maintenance, shift overtime and/or multiple trucks supporting other jurisdictions such as Lindsay.

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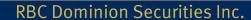
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Editorial opinion

Pick up the slack

If you've spent any real time in the Highlands, you've no doubt noticed or heard someone speak of the volunteers in our communities and how they make everything happen around here.

If it wasn't for volunteers, we wouldn't enjoy half the events or services that we do. The Pond Hockey tournament, for example, would have been a huge disaster were it not for the efforts and time of these

Community service directors and event organizers always say how appreciative they are of their volunteers. They don't take these people for granted; rather, they attempt to recruit and maintain a healthy relationship with them.

That's because, at any point, volunteers can stop volunteering. It's not as though they sign a contract or are being paid for their services. They can quit for whatever reason they want, and of course, because they were volunteering to begin with, people don't argue much about it.

Why then are teachers vilified for doing the same thing?

After Bill 115 was used and discarded as a show of 'good faith' by the Liberals, teachers took away the only thing they could control: their volunteer time spent on extracurricular activities.

Parents argue that teachers are using students as pawns in their battle against the government, but they seem to forget that these activities were organized and supervised on personal time.

If a father picks up more shifts at work and can no longer help with his son's hockey team, should he attract scathing looks from other parents? What about a mother who, after spending so much time volunteering she begins to lose time at home with her family, decides to scale back her volunteer hours? Is she wrong for that?

The answer is no. Any volunteer time should be appreciated. Organizations take what they can get and don't complain because it's better than no help at all. They have to be flexible that way or else they may find themselves without

any volunteers. Remember these people aren't paid or contracted.

So why the double standard when it comes to teachers? Sure,



By Matthew Desrosiers

their motivations are different, but the fact remains that coaching football, travelling to track meets, training wrestlers, directing plays and performances or planning and supervising dances are all done on a volunteer basis.

Historically, teachers have done these things and it's been seen as part of their job. It is education outside of a classroom after all, which is very important to the students' development.

But up until now it has been taken for granted.

Students are completing exams and stress is mounting at the high school. The activities that keep students sane throughout the year, that keep them active or mentally engaged, have stopped.

Even Prom, the year-end tradition where graduating students gather for one last hurrah before going their separate ways, is in jeopardy.

Instead of pointing the finger at teachers, maybe it's time people do something

You can't sit and complain there aren't enough people who volunteer their time for an event if you yourself aren't willing to get off your duff and lend a hand. The same should be said for this extracurricular 'dilemma'.

If parents want their kids to enjoy a formal dance to celebrate the year's end, then those who can should get organized and start volunteering their time, just as they would have the teachers do, to make it happen.

When teachers are ready to get back on board, their help and time will be appreciated as it should. In the meantime, it's time people stop complaining and pick up the slack.

Doubling down on uncertainty

By the grace of Mother Nature, temperatures will be cold enough this weekend for the second instalment of the National Pond Hockey Championships — or so says the forecast as of our press time. The event has been a great opportunity to showcase the Highlands and has given our local economy a small but welcome mid-winter boost from the influx of tourists.

The outcome was never guaranteed. Had the tournament been held last year, hockey sticks would have been more likely to have been used as rescue implements, with ice conditions never having reached safe levels due to the balmy winter weather. The Snowmobile Association's Poker Run illustrates the fragility of winter plans, having attracted only 17 participants in this, the second year of snow not deep enough for your average dog to bury his bone.

Summer's not much more reliable. Poor management of the Trent-Severn Waterway, combined with lack of rainfall, are leaving water levels excruciatingly low, far too early in the season. Boats were beached last year ("mudded" is more like it) as early as the first week of August, putting an end to boating season — and the high season for local businesses — up to a month ahead of

Looking to the shoulder seasons, April and November have always been too grey and dreary for tourists, leaving us with May, June and July — possibly February and March for tourist season, two of those months the black fly jamboree. And Heaven help us if nature does not cooperate and sends another Easter heat wave or May deluge. Sorry Warden, it's just hard to imagine thousands of Torontonians clamouring to visit a log chute, historic as it may be.

Aside from unreliability of tourist-friendly weather, there's the economics. The drive to increase tourism makes sense at first glance; more tourism means more money into the Highlands and that means growth and prosperity. Except the jobs tourism creates are seasonal, low-paid, and subject to uncontrollable forces like weather and economic conditions in other places. The jobs and prosperity created are intermittent.

Compare and contrast with the economic benefit of new residents. Whereas a tourist

may spend a couple of thousand dollars in a visit, a resident

sums of money.

By Bram Lebo spends up to hundreds of thousands on a home. That resident then continues to spend their wages or pension and consumes highvalue services like healthcare, education if they have kids, and trades when they need something built or fixed. Residents drive the growth of high-paying, year-round jobs.

So if you had a thousand bucks to spend on attracting someone to the Highlands, would you go after a tourist or a potential new resident? It's a typical cost-benefit exercise.

Cottagers are the next-best thing, spending

weeks or months here as well as significant

County Council thinks it knows the answer to that question: get the tourist. They are doubling down on their tourism efforts, adding \$80,000 for a director to pursue as yet undetermined objectives. Building the population and attracting businesses to the area have been classified as "economic development" and were last year handed off to the municipalities, which are managing those files with varying levels of effort and success, and not a lot of coordination.

A future is like a symphony: many different parts need to work together to create something of value; these parts need to complement each other and avoid working at cross purposes. But we're building our symphony with no score and no conductor, an approach that is likely to produce mainly

The best business advice I ever read was to do one thing and do it better than anyone else. In our case, that thing is not tourism, it's lifestyle: a slower pace, a strong community, diverse activities, respect for individuality and beautiful natural surroundings. While we have nothing on a Whistler or even Collingwood when it comes to tourism, few areas can beat the Highlands as a place to live. Selling that message is where we'd get the most bang for our 80,000 bucks.

Tourism is still important. But if the objective is economic growth, and our resources limited, we should focus on the activity with the best cost-benefit profile: attracting new residents to the Highlands.



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Letters to the editor

Canadian Pond Hockey should be transparent

Dear editor,

The editorial in the Highlander is full of praise for the many volunteers who have worked hard in making this event possible. These volunteers should be commended for their hard work and dedication. However, there seem to be some nagging questions related to the event. While we know that the Pinestone and McKeck's were locked into the event and gained much needed business to survive a very fickle winter, many small businesses have been left out in the cold.

I have done some research on the Internet and find that all is not well with this event. This event is a privately owned for-profit event. Many small Haliburton businesses have been dropped off the promotion list circulated to participating teams. I know of at least five who had looked forward to the extra business coming their way, finding that they are not mentioned in the brochures. The corporation who runs this event left Huntsville/Deerhurst when the town refused to give them an \$18,000 grant for this year's event.

My questions remains: what total benefit to the local

community, how much has Dysart et al spent in support of the event and how much did local businesses gain from the event? Ask Huntsville businesses and you will find that little spin-off business is found in local restaurants and shops because participants spend little money beyond the hosting venue. They are known to bring their own food etc.

The event's website is skillfully written so that it never becomes obvious that this is not a community driven effort that deserves volunteer support, but corporate and private/ profit driven.

Let's have a clear and transparent accounting of the benefits accruing to the community before we commit volunteer hours and town equipment to an event that is dressed up as a community effort but in reality generates little benefit to the community.

I would be happy if someone can tell me that "it ain't so."

Armin Weber Thornhill/Eagle Lake

Poor road conditions preventable

Dear editor,

I live in Minden which some would consider a "snow" area. A large part of our winter economy depends upon tourists coming in to the area to enjoy such sports as skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and outdoor hockey. Being a rural area, residents depend on snow maintenance in order to safely go about our daily business.

This winter season, I have found the major roads in my area to be downright dangerous because of a buildup of ice on the road surface. My specific complaint involves Highway 35 and Highway 118. Carnarvon to Haliburton on 118 has been terrifying to navigate for over a week, as well as Highway 35 from a section north of Carnarvon, south to Minden. I thought that this condition may have been caused by a cold

snap, but a recent trip to Bracebridge revealed that as soon as I entered the Muskoka district, road conditions improved immensely.

I have no idea why this dangerous situation in our area was allowed to develop and continue, but it seems that it was preventable. Has something changed with budget cutbacks or unskilled employees in charge of snow removal that has affected our expectation of timely, professional winter maintenance on our major roads? This season, our secondary and 'cottage' roads have been safer to navigate. Please investigate this situation before someone is seriously injured, or worse.

Mike Donnelly Minden

Pond Hockey success

Dear editor,

The Pond Hockey Tournament was truly a quintessential winter scene to behold as you drove into Haliburton Village or past Pinestone last weekend. Just seeing the ice on Head Lake being used for this tournament gave me goose bumps. As a volunteer I heard many people express similar sentiments. The players were mannerly, displayed sportsmanship and had a lot of fun. The spectators who came were most impressed such as families and two ladies who came from Peterborough to skate on one of the unused rinks.

Congratulations to Neil Lumsden, executive director of the tournament and our local organizers John Teljour, Alex Bell and The Municipality of Dysart et al who had the foresight to bring such an amazing event to Haliburton County. Kudos also to the Pinestone, all of the many volunteers, the Lions Club for their great refreshment tent, SIRCH, The Rails End Gallery, Canoe FM, Remax and anyone else involved. A special thanks to the municipality and volunteers for all of their hard work in maintaining the ice to such a high quality.

After all of the hard work to get the rinks in such great shape I do think it only makes sense that at least one will continues to be maintained after Frost Fest, until which time it can no longer be used due to mild weather. An outdoor rink is such an incredible winter drawing card for our entire community, for businesses and for people of all ages to have the opportunity to skate at such a beautiful outdoor location such as Head Lake in Haliburton.

Hopefully the outcome of such a wonderful event is that Haliburton County will become the future home of Pond Hockey in the years to come.

Bonnie Roe Volunteer

The Outsider - Memories of an icy Canadian welcome: part 2

And so, just as I'd been taken on an ice fishing trip on my first winter visit to Canada, so I decided to take my English visitor out onto the ice for his inaugural 'dangling a line down a hole while freezing your butt off' experience.

As long as I've known him, Hector has been game for almost anything and so I didn't expect a ride on the back of an ATV out onto the frozen lake to make much impact. I was wrong.

"Whoa, what the...! We're driving across the lake on a machine that weighs about ten tons! ARE YOU CRAZY!?" It made an impact.

As Hector rightly pointed out, his parents and the parents of millions of other English children constantly tell their kids never to step out onto a frozen lake for fear of falling through and drowning. But here we were, motoring across the centre of a very deep lake, seemingly without a care in the world.

To add to Hector's fear, when we got to the fishing hut the wind had blown the snow off the ice and there were large cracks clearly visible. It was funny watching him tip toe gingerly around for the first few minutes.

Hector is made of sterner, or stupider, stuff though and, after being ushered out of the biting wind, he soon relaxed (may be it was the beer I passed him as we sat in the hut but more of that in a moment). With a line for each of us set outside and a hole per man to jig through in the hut, he, I and our Canadian host — a sarcastic fellow who took great glee in exaggerating the dangers of cracked ice, thin ice, frozen fingers, frost bitten toes and the likes to Hector — settled in for the afternoon.

The fishing was slow; plenty of time for all to tell stories and get warmed up. The beer thawed gradually in the warming hut, much to Hector's amusement.

"Blimey, I've never been anywhere so cold that it freezes my pint," he chuckled, and soon we were sweating in our multiple layers and starting to strip off.

It was then that the first fish hit. One of the outdoor lines began to waggle and shake as a mystery monster swam off with our bait. As one, we stood and charged for the doorway. The crush was inevitable but after a moment or two of sorting ourselves out we were racing (gingerly in Hector's case) across the ice to the bobbing rod.

I struck and carefully wound in a lovely fat pickerel. Hector swore almost as much as he had done on venturing on to the ice. Everyone smiled and we set the line and returned to the hut. We got halfway back and the rod went again. This time it was Hector's turn. Grabbing the rod he struck heartily and reeled in another feisty fat pickerel. Now he was really enjoying himself.

We did get back to the hut this time but only for a second

before our Canadian host's line was singing. Out we went again.

"Oh come on! My beer'll be getting warm," piped up Hector with a laugh.
And so the day went on: into the hut for a brief respite from the weather before diving out again to catch fish after fish.

Contrary to my first ice fishing adventure

when we were skunked, on this trip we caught our limit of pickerel and got a lake trout too for good measure. But, while my time on the ice with Robbie instilled in me a deep love of the Canadian winter and sporting quirks such as the ice fishing hut, I can't say that it had the same effect on Hector, even though he drilled the hole from which we caught all the fish.

Perhaps it was the precariousness of his predicament, out there in the middle of a lake, albeit a frozen one. Perhaps it was the beer, so cold that it hurt your teeth when you drank it. Perhaps it was the fact that we were so busy catching fish that he didn't really have time to properly contemplate the wonders of our situation and the magnitude of the winter tha surrounded us.

Hector did say that he'd be back, though. His exact words, "Yeh, next time it'll be when it's not so [expletive] cold!"

Tell us your opinion.
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By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: How does snow removal this year compare to last?



They are a lot worse. I travel to Bancroft and the roads are a lot better there. As soon as you get to Haliburton there is a noticeable change for the worse.



Ron Pellerin

Deep Bay

I think that the roads have been fine. I have not had any trouble and I live here full-time. All the roads have been good.



Trevor Chaulk

Stanhope

Wow, Highway 118... I have never seen it this icy for so long. My car is in the shop and I am driving my van and it dances all over the road. The maintenance is terrible.



Trevor Kelly

West Guilford

Sub par. Obviously with the cold snap they did stay icy for an extended period. Maybe last year was a better year for maintenance. The township has done a great job on my road again this year.

Haliburton

Bryan Defoe



I just retired my truck but I will say

the sidewalks have been really bad.

Jeremy Armstrong

Minden

KENNEDY PHONEBOOK PROJECT:

By Mark Arike

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lot has changed in emergency services A since Pat Kennedy started his career over 30 years ago.

"It's a far cry from the professionals we have now," said Kennedy, a Haliburton resident who is the director of Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services (EMS). "We had first-aid training, worked on-call... we took our provincial exams, which was a two-year part-time course."

Kennedy signed up to be a volunteer paramedic for the county in 1980. He completed his training in 1992.

It took a lot of dedication on Kennedy's part, as he had to travel to Peterborough for training two nights a week.

"I was working during the day and then doing that after work," he recalled. "We were on-call. There used to be two paramedic ambulance attendants in those days.'

The attendants were responsible for covering the entire county.

"It really interested me in the start, and I found I had an aptitude for it," he said. "It's not for everybody. I found I really enjoyed getting out and making a difference in the community.'

Kennedy was a full-time paramedic between 1993 and 2006. The job came with its fair share of ups and downs, but all along he knew it was right for him.

"I never second-guessed doing the job," he said, adding that there were times he second-guessed his skills.

Over the years, Kennedy has witnessed changes that have been made in the way that EMS services are delivered in the county.

"It used to be that Dysart [et al] had an ambulance service and Minden Hills had an ambulance service. Then it all went to Minden Hills, then to the province and then in 2000 it came back to the county."

In 2006, Kennedy applied to be a quality assurance manager with the county. He landed the job, but a few months later moved up to become interim director.

As the director of EMS and chief of paramedic services, Kennedy is responsible for overseeing the general operations of the department, planning and budgeting. There are two other managers whose positions address quality assurance and operations.

"We've more or less planned where we're going to want to go, and my job is to get them the funding and support they need in order to do their job."

Emergency services consists of three key areas, said Kennedy. These include the ambulance program, emergency management for the county and the public access defibrillator program.

According to the Haliburton County EMS website, their mission is "to provide care, treatment, and transportation to the residents and visitors of Haliburton County, and surrounding areas" to the best of their ability and training.

And in order to deliver on that promise, well-trained staff have been brought on board.

"I am so big on training and additional skills."

The service is made up of 20 full-time primary care paramedics and a number of part-time paramedics who handle approximately 4,000 calls per year. The three bases are located in Haliburton, Minden and Tory Hill, and there are three front line ambulances available during the

"When I first started, EMS was a very low-profile organization and now we're quite a high-profile organization."

Kennedy plans on developing even stronger ties to the community so that more people become aware of what EMS is all about.

"My goal is to integrate ourselves more



Photo by Mark Arike

Pat Kennedy recalls his time on the front lines as a paramedic.

into the community – so we're not just the white and orange thing that shows up when there's a disaster, but that we're a useful tool to the community.'

In order to help spread the word, Haliburton County EMS can now be found on social media sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"We're trying to get the message out about what we're doing, and the level of training our staff now have."

Things seem to be running smoothly: the department receives less than 10 complaints a year from the public, said Kennedy.

"The ones [complaints] we do tend to get are about our response time. It's a big county... when we start to look at it, it's because we haven't had units in that area. we're busy with other calls..."

The past year was a positive one for the department, said Kennedy.

"2012 was such a huge year for us,"

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he smiled. "We opened the new base in Tory Hill. We staffed another full-time ambulance. We moved away from the paper ambulance call report to an electronic

Going forward, the department will face new challenges as the county continues to

"The expanding nature of the county is going to be a future pressure," said Kennedy, referring to an increase in the number of remote cottage sites and the creation of multiple unit dwellings.

There are times Kennedy misses being on the front lines; however, he's glad he's not in that role nowadays.

"The job has changed so much," he said. "The staff are so accountable for every action they do, which wasn't there 20 years ago. We're moving forward and there's just a lot more pressure on my staff to complete things within their confines."

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What's up with the Arts

Getting the family involved

Your hubby doesn't like art and the kids get bored by anything that isn't animated. You on the other hand love art and would like to get more involved and go to more exhibitions. You feel that culture is a good thing, and you would like the family to think so too.

So, how do you get the family more culturally involved? Here are a couple of suggestions.

Suggestion one: take them to the Weber's in Colort

Louise Weber has had her 'Lambs and Ivy' bargain barn operating for many years. Inside is a treasure trove of collectibles; old tools, toys, books and bric a brac that will keep the kids and hubby occupied for some time. There's also art and folk art displayed in various corners, on walls and in dusty old cabinets.

While the family is exploring the barn you can get Louise to show you her new art gallery which she's had constructed as an addition to her house.

The gallery contains the best bits of furniture that were formally destined for the barn. Wonderful antique tables, chairs and rugs are on display, and crockery is laid out in such a way as to suggest that tea is about to be served. The ambiance; wood and stone with lots of light, is delightful, and the walls are adorned with the best art that Louise has been able to collect from estate sales. Her gallery contains some interesting prints and originals, by recognized and obscure artists, and she is very willing to tell you all she knows about them.

When the kids and hubby are finished looking at all the neat stuff in the barn, they can discover the building next door, which is Norm's Smoke House. Norm is Louise's husband. You of course stay inside the gallery talking to Louise, who, lo and behold, has just produced a pot of tea. How perfect.

Hubby enters the smoke house to discover a comucopia of deli delights. Norm, ably assisted by the old country skills of his father, has mastered the art of smoking fish, meats and cheeses, and he has some samples for hubby to sink his teeth into. Meanwhile the kids are eating Norm's jerky and playing outside with the Weber's two mini Dachshunds.

Hubby tries some smoked cheese and brings some in to the gallery for you to taste. Then he sits down and partakes of some tea. He looks around contentedly. Then he realizes he might be having a good time; so of course he suggests it's time to leave.

You smile inwardly; it's been a small victory.

Suggestion two: we have two public art galleries, the Agnes Jamieson in Minden and the Rails End in Haliburton.



By George Farrell

Of course you want to go to these and other galleries and you'd like to continue your education of hubby and the kids. In the summer there are many excellent courses for kids at both galleries, but right now there are exhibits which will be of interest to the family.

The Rails End is currently featuring an exhibition called 'Celebrate.' The art and craftwork on display has been created by Gallery members. Some members are wellestablished professionals and some are strictly amateur, and so there's an eclectic combination of art ranging from the sublime to the bizarre.

The great thing about the exhibition is that there is something there for everyone, even hubby, who might be interested in the many pieces depicting wildlife. You may be more fascinated by the abstracts, photos on canvas, or the sculptural coffee table. There are over 80 pieces on display so even the kids, if they keep walking and looking, will get the effect of moving images, and their attention will be held for at least several tours around the room.

At the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden there is a wonderful show which features pages from the Eaton's catalogue. Andre Lapine, the renowned artist who was also an illustrator, worked on the catalogue for a time, and his contributions are visually documented in one of the rooms.

Also on display, in the big room in the gallery, is an exhibition titled 'Questions for You' (?4U). It contains works by Paul Marshall's Grade 12 high school art students. The mixed media and acrylic pieces are not only politically and socially charged but also reveal an understanding of design and composition. Artist Rose Pearson assisted Marshall in directing the students, and the results are stunning. 'Questions for You' might make you wonder why more of our mature artists aren't incorporating social or political themes into some of their works.

The Agnes Jamieson exhibits run until Feb. 23, and the members show at the Rails End Gallery is on until March 2. The Weber gallery and Norm's Smoke House is open all year so moms have plenty of time to design a crafty cultural plan for hubby and the kids.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

- 1. Notorious Nineteen by Janet Evanovich
- 2. The Forgotten by David Baldacci
- 3. Trust Your Eyes by Linwood Barclay
- 4. The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce
- 5. *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey





HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

- 1. Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health by William Davis
- 2. Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Straved
- 3. Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
- 4. The Ravenous Brain: How the New Science of Consciousness Explains Our Insatiable Search for Meaning by Daniel Bor
- 5. The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton

The nominees for the 2013 Evergreen Award have been announced. Part of the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading award program, the Evergreen Award was created specifically for adult readers in public libraries.

In past years, the pleasure readers of Haliburton County have been very active participants in this program, voting in *The Accident* by Linwood Barclay as the favourite Canadian read for 2012. This year, the ten nominees include *Up & Down* by Terry Fallis, *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey (currently one of our top five most popular reads!), *The Winter Palace* by Eva Statchniak, *Triggers* by Robert J Sawyer, Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese, The Little Shadows by Marina Endicott, *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill, *Intolerable* by Kamal Al-Solaylee, *Tell It To The Trees* by Anita Rau Badami and *The Western Light* by Susan Swan. Clearly, Evergreen features a very well-rounded selection of books and, as such, there is usually something here for every reader. Stop by your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and request one or all of the shortlisted titles – and be sure to vote for your favourite at the end of the year.

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Notice

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider amendments to the following By-laws, scheduled to be considered for passing at their regular Council meeting on Thursday, February 28th, 2013 at approximately 10:00 am in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.

- a) 12-87 Fees and Charges Bylaw
- b) 12-25 Water Service Fees (Minden)
- c) 12-26 Sewage Service Fees
- d) 12-33 Water Service Fees (Lutterworth)

Full details can be found at www.mindenhills.com on the Notices Page or File Pro at https://haliburton.civicweb.net Copies of the amended schedules are available upon request.

Notice of Meetings

The residents of Minden Hills are invited to attend the following Public meetings:

Tuesday February 19 - at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden Hills Council Chambers for the 2013 Budget deliberations.

Thursday, February 28th - at 10:00 a.m. Minden Hills Council Chambers – Council, at this regular meeting, will consider the passing of the 2013 Cemetery Budget and the 2013 Township Operating Budget.

Public Skating

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February 2013 Schedule & Sponsors
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Fundraiser Hockey Tournament for Community

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Small one bedroom home, in Minden Village, Nonsmokers only and no pets. References required. Rental may commence on March 1, 2013.

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After school program every Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 5 pm - Intended for students who are wanting to improve their art skill and knowledge recommended for 8+. Instructed by Sarah Jowett. (Students from A.S.E.S. meet in the school foyer to be walked over by instructor. Parent note required.)

If you are interested please fill in the entry form and contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount

705-286-3763

Quilting Workshop Saturday February 9, 2013 1 pm to 4 pm

in the Common Room Instructed by Barbara Lichty

This workshop is a fun afternoon of creating two table toppers, learning how to work with striped material and borders. Participants must bring: 1.5 metres of striped cotton material, sewing machine, cutting mat and rotary cutter and sewing supplies. Template supplied. Barb is a member of the Elmira Needle Sisters' Quilt Guild. She will be showing examples of her work and sharing her wealth of sewing knowledge. This is meant for sewers who have some experience. Cost \$15pp.

Minden Hills Museum

Exhibition: The Eaton's Catalogue: The Rural Department Store January 12 – April 06, 2013

In 1884 Timothy Eaton released the first Eaton's catalogue. By 1896 the corporation's mail-order department was dispensing over 200,000 orders a year. Particular attention was placed on those Canadians who lived in the more rural areas of the country, not unlike Minden. This exhibition runs in conjunction to the January exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery that looks at the art of the Eaton's Catalogue. The Museums will be showcasing artifacts from the Eaton's Catalogue and also compares similar artifacts to those pictured in the book.

R.D. Lawrence Place Exhibition: The Coyote January 14 – April 06, 2013

Sightings of coyotes have been an increasing concern in populated areas. This exhibition looks at some of the key issues of living with coyotes and how many of these conflicts can possibly be avoided. Exhibits will focus on coyote identification, skull formations and the recent research that suggests the hunting and trapping of coyotes is not the solution to this growing problem.

A lecture on this exhibit will be announced.

Meetings and Events

January 31

9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session at 10:00 am)

February 14

9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

February 16-18

Family Fun Weekend, Check our Information Page for more details

February 18

Family Day - Administration Offices CLOSED

February 28

9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

10:00 am, Public Meetings – By-laws, Cemetery Budget and Township Operating Budget 2013

4:30 pm, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting, Minden Council Chambers

Winterfest Minden 2013

It's that time of the year again and Winterfest Minden is back! Get ready for another great weekend of family fun on Sunday Feb. 17 through Family Day, Feb. 18.

Sundays' activities include another curling fun day at the Minden Curling Club (call Lynda Litwin to register at 705-457-8511) and the 6th Annual Chili Competition starting at 3:30pm at the Minden Community Centre. Come out for Public Skating sponsored by Minden Pharmasave from 12:00-2:00 and stay to cheer on and support Highland Storm Minor Hockey. At 3:30 enjoy a short recital by The Minden Figure Skating Club followed by Dawson's Game, an exhibition hockey game played in memory of Dawson Hamilton. Celebrate Family Day on Monday with the Haliburton County Fair Board's most excellent pancake breakfast from 8 to 11am at the Community Centre. After breakfast come outside and join in the fun with a Snowball Slo-pitch Tournament: to pre-register contact Craig and Tammy Smith at 705-286-3013. At the arena eniov men's hockey or join in on Shinny or Public Skating on Sunday afternoon.

Come and play at Winterfest Minden, Feb. 17 & 18. For more information, check local newspapers, www.mindenhills.ca or call Cammy at 705-286-1936 Ext 200.

Fire Calendar Winners

Week of January 21
Wolf Weber and Shannon Stinson

Pond Hockey CENTRHL



Photo by Mark Arike

The women didn't let the men have all the fun this weekend. A player from the Warrior Washups, left, goes for the puck along with a player from The Wendal Clarks.





Pond Hockey CENTRHL







Hometown heroes

Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

The Haliburton Trailer Park Boys, captained by Haliburton business owner Brad Park, represented the Highlands well at this year's pond hockey tournament. The Trailer Park Boys entered the Men's Open division and faced off against the toughest teams in the tournament. Despite losing all five of their games, the home team had nothing to be ashamed of, losing to two former championship teams. Their opening games were hard-fought and they managed to come within two goals of winning both of those which may have qualified them for playdowns on the last day of the competition. Pictured above are the Trailer Park Boys, in green, facing off against the Guelph Crusaders (in red) and the Windsor Purple Soup-A-Stars.





Pond Hockey GENTRAL

Tournament format

Games consist of two 15-minute halves. An off-ice volunteer official will monitor each game.

Games start at the sound of the siren/horn. Any teams late for games will be penalized one goal for each minute late.

After five minutes the late team will forfeit the game with a 10-0 score awarded to the opponent.

NOTE: Games will not be re-scheduled

Teams will switch ends at the half. Teams are limited to six players of the mandatory age group for the division.

Maximum of four players on the ice at one time. Teams may substitute "on the fly".

ALL penalties result in a change of possession. Penalties are tracked by the volunteer officials. At the end of regulation time, a penalty shot will be awarded for every minor penalty that has not been cancelled out by a penalty committed.

Major penalties will result in an immediate goal awarded to the opposing team and could result in a player ejection. A player that is ejected will have his/her case reviewed by the head official to determine if they may be allowed to return for the rest of the tournament.

The team cannot replace an ejected or injured player with an alternate player.

Rules of play

Spirit - Remember that this is Pond Hockey. Play in the true spirit of the game. Please thank your volunteer official.

How do I score? - Score from the "attacking" side of half only. Shot must be taken at OR over the halfway mark which is determined by your volunteer official. After each goal, give opposing team half ice until puck OR player crosses half.

No goaltending - There are no goalies in Pond Hockey therefore there is no goaltending. Defensive player may not back into and against the net and can be no closer than eight feet. No player is allowed to lay down their body, stick, knee, glove or any other part of their equipment in front of the net. Goaltending may result in an automatic goal if the volunteer official rules a goal was imminent. A minor penalty is called if a goal was not imminent.

Additional rules - Do not raise your stick or puck above the knee. NO SLAPSHOTS. No physical contact allowed of any kind. Abusive language by a player towards another player or volunteer will not be accepted. Abusive language to any official will result in a player's suspension.

Important - Drinking is not permitted on the pond except in the designated areas. Any player visibly intoxicated will not be permitted to play at the discretion of the volunteer official. Fighting is not allowed and will result in an immediate suspension from the tournament. The team will not be able to replace the suspended player. Intent to injure another player, official or volunteer will result in an immediate suspension.

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A word from the volunteers

Al Bagg, Eagle Lake resident, volunteered as a marshal

"There was no reason I shouldn't be able to help out. I just phoned in and left them my name. You've got to get behind these things because this is a pretty major event. If it goes well, we're going to have it for the future."

Margo Ross, volunteered as a scorekeeper

"It's great. I love it. I'm glad it's not -34 [degrees Celsius] out."

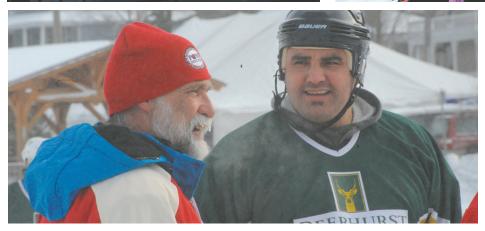
Diane Johnson, food tent volunteer with SIRCH

"It gets really busy and quiet [in the tent]. That gives us a chance to clean up and stuff. The players who are coming through are very, very polite."

Patt Howlett, food tent volunteer on behalf of the Haliburton Lions Club

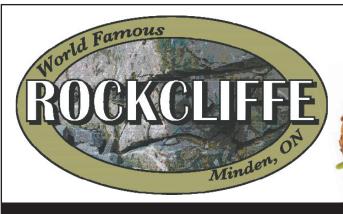
"It's fantastic. The fellows are great people. [The organizers] have had their hands full, but they've certainly done very well."





Photos by Mark Arike and Matthew Desrosiers

Top left: Event organizer
John Teljeur, right, stays
busy while trying to ensure
all runs smoothly. Top right:
Dan Haupt clears the ice
between games. Middle left:
Chris Ramsay moves nets
around on her ATV. Middle
right: Margo Ross volunteers
as a scorekeeper. Left:
Highlands East councillor
Cecil Ryall, left, chats with a
pond hockey player.





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9-7 to win the Men's

An Original victory

Markham team claims Men's Open Championship

By Matthew Desrosiers

The rinks are quiet, the pucks and sticks put away, and after an exciting weekend of pond hockey in Haliburton, one team stands above the rest.

On Jan. 27, the Markham Originals defeated the Relaxos 9-7 to become the 2013 Canadian National Pond Hockey Men's Open Champions.

The game was hard-fought from the outset. Tight checking from both teams kept the scoreboard empty until around the five minute mark of the first half when the Originals finally got on the board. Two quick goals later and they seemed to have the Relaxos outclassed.

But that wasn't the case.

The second half proved a battle as the Relaxos continued with a relentless attack, coming within two goals in the final minute of the game. But the resilient Originals held on to the lead on their way to the team's first-ever championship.

"We got off to a good start," said Dino Ferrari after the game. "It was unorthodox for this tournament where we got off to a lot of slow starts and battled our way back. But this time we got off to a good start and let them back into the game a little bit.

"We made it hard for ourselves near the end."

Ferrari said the sportsmanship on the ice was great and the Relaxos deserved a lot of credit for the game they played. In the end, it came down to which team battled hardest.

The Originals took a hard road through the tournament which may have given them the edge in the final game. Within the first five minutes of their opening match, they

found themselves down 6-0. "It was a bit of a rude awakening," Ferrari said. "At that point we said 'Ok boys, it's time to bear down. Put the hard hats on and let's go to work."

Ferrari and his teammates said that first game is what got them through the rest of the weekend.

"You come here and you want to win," he said. "You always think you can win. Getting down 6-0... I think we needed that. I think it showed us how hard we'd have to work to win this thing."

The biggest test for the Originals was facing off against tournament-favourites, the Officetrax Vandals, in the playdowns.

The Vandals are three-time champions at the pond hockey tournament and were touted as the team to beat going into the weekend.

"We keep hearing Vandals, Vandals, Vandals, the name around," Ferrari said. "You know that's going to be a battle."

That game went into overtime with the Originals pulling off the upset and punching their ticket to the finals.

"As much as it's a pond hockey tournament and it's fun and everything, you come here to win. You know when you're playing the defending champions it's heart and soul time."

The team is already planning to defend the championship at next year's tournament.

"It was a great experience," Ferrari said. "[It was a] well-run tournament and a good chance to get out with the guys. Those chances are few and far between these days at 30 years old, so it was just a great weekend all-around."

"Thank you, [Haliburton]. There's a lot of gratitude this



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Pond Hockey!

Business owners weigh in on pond hockey weekend

It was good to have a busy

weekend, we're looking

Karen Frybort

General manager,

Mckecks Tap & Grill

forward to it again.

By Mark Arike

The first weekend of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton brought some local businesses new customers while others didn't seem to be impacted by the event.

"It was a nice little boost for us, for sure," said Karen Frybort, general manager of McKecks Tap & Grill.

In order to attract pond hockey participants, the restaurant offered a variety of specials. Frybort said a predominately male crowd came through the restaurant over the course of the three-day event (Jan. 25-27).

"It was like a summer day in February," she said.

Sledders also came to the restaurant on Saturday because of a poker run hosted by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, said Frybort.

Despite the fact that Frybort and her staff headed into the weekend with some trepidation, their worries quickly disappeared.

"We didn't have any problems... the spirit was there. They were there to play hockey and chill out afterwards."

Since it's been a challenging time for business, Frybort said the event was a welcome addition.

"It was good to have a busy weekend; we're looking forward to it again. We all needed it." Steve Todd, owner of Todd's Independent

Grocer, also said he saw an increase in business.

"I think it went pretty well for us," said Todd. "We had a bit of an increase. There seemed to be a lot of people around."

Todd said he spoke to a couple of visitors who told him they planned on coming back to the area in the summer.

"The more people we can bring to Haliburton in the winter, the better it is for everybody," he said.

Retail store Sharpley Source for Sports didn't see an influx of business during the weekend.

"I think the number of players who came in was not as much as we anticipated," said store employee Clay Glecoff. "I would say my skate sharpenings were no busier than normal."

The few players who entered the store did end up purchasing merchandise.

"They did buy when they were here because our deals on hockey were so good," said Glecoff, explaining that the store currently has a liquidation sale.

Greg Tibbitts, owner of the Shamrock

Service Centre, didn't notice an increase in business either.

"I've had busier weekends without that entertainment," he said, adding that snowmobilers make up a large percentage of his business at this time of year.

Tibbitts said he's

heard nothing but positive comments about the tournament.

"If it's good for everybody else it's good for

John Teljeur, event chair and coordinator, estimates that the two weekends of hockey will inject approximately \$750,000 into the local economy.

"We're figuring it will probably be \$500-600 per player, over and above their registration," he said. "When I played in the tournament I knew exactly what I spent, and it was in that neighbourhood."

Teljeur said players typically spend their money on lodging and at grocery stores, restaurants and bars. He said his estimate doesn't take into account what the players' friends and family might end up spending.

"Some of the teams have a lot of supporters with them. This coming weekend we're probably going to see a lot more of that because it's an older crowd."



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A Wrinkles player attacks the Glory Days puck carrier during their tournament game on Jan. 26. The Wrinkles won the game despite goaltending calls against both teams.



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Ironing out the Wrinkles

By Warren Riley

It's not without wonder that this year's Pond Hockey tournament has brought together teams from far and wide. From Chicago, Illinois, to the remote Belle Island of Newfoundland and Labrador, players flew, drove or bussed to Haliburton to enjoy the county's hospitality and flavour.

One of the most anticipated yearly events for team Wrinkles of Montreal are the Pond Hockey Championships. It's the time when these professional women get together, assemble their hockey equipment and take a break from winter doldrums for the travel and excitement of playing hockey with their mates.

According to Wrinkles captain Kathleen O'Reilly, the team plays every weekend in Montreal.

"We usually play in a league back home every Sunday so we are all on the same team when travelling," she said. "We have been here (playing in the Pond Hockey Championships) since the beginning so we started playing seven years ago."

Winning the Women's Open Championship three times has been a good omen for O'Reilly and the Wrinkles but being with your colleagues comes first and foremost.

"Basically, we are just all good friends and we like coming up for the weekend, playing hockey and enjoying the friendship and that was the design we had for coming," O'Reilly continued. "The camaraderie is the big thing for us. Some of us are married and some of us have children so it's a nice girls weekend out for all of us."

O'Reilly and team come from varied occupations but most are in the educational system.

"I'm a principal at Evergreen Elementary in St. Lazare Quebec. My teammates include two teachers, a behaviour tech in a high school, one is a company owner and finally an integration aide in a school system as well as [being] a massage therapist."

There are many critical aspects to putting on a successful event but in O'Reilly's mind, one stood out beyond all others.

"You know what always amazes us? It's the amount of volunteers that do come out and volunteer their time and energy and Haliburton is not an exception. They are really friendly and welcoming and if you have any questions they are always there to help. I think it's very important for a community that is holding this type of tournament. The people of Haliburton have been extra friendly, accommodating and genuine. These are the vibes people are getting and overall, it's been really good."









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Left: Harrison carries the puck into the offensive corner. Right: Storm players think they scored until the referee called the goal back.

Storm penalties lead to 3-1 defeat

By Warren Riley

You can't win a game by taking penalty after penalty. A team can be aggressive but at the same time play a clean game. Being overly aggressive and combatant will inevitably end in

On Jan. 26, the Highland Storm Midget B hockey team played Parry Sound at the Minden Arena and wound up spending about as much time in the penalty box as on the ice, or so it seemed.

The first period was relatively clean and both teams were well-matched. The action was fast with each team having equal opportunities to score. At the 5:43 mark, the Storm scored which definitely provoked the Parry Sound club. The game became personal for Parry Sound, inciting the home team to take unnecessary penalties. Five minor penalties were called, three for the Storm and two for Parry Sound.

The Storm received a blow when the referee blew his whistle which was perceived to have occurred after the puck went into the Parry Sound net. It was called a 'no goal' which infuriated the Storm players. It was at this point the game started to get ugly.

Eight minor infractions were called against the clubs racking up 16 minutes of penalty time which included holding, slashing, interference and head contact.

The third period ended any hope for the Midgets as Parry Sound scored three unanswered goals. It seemed at this point that more players were heading to the penalty box than playing. Five penalties were called against the Storm which included two 10-minute infractions for disputing a call by an official, one two-minute penalty for head contact, and two minors for slashing for a total of 26 minutes. Final score, 3-1 Parry Sound.

Storm coach John Ballantyne was disappointed at the number of penalties taken which led to the team's loss.

"It's the second night in a row we had a great effort from the team, but unfortunately, we cannot control the number

of penalties we take and that is our downfall," he said. "We played these guys (Parry Sound) last night in game one of the series and with 25 seconds left in the game they scored to end the game 4-3. That takes them one up on the series."

"Home games are essential to win in playoffs. So, they won that game and we were hoping to get a win here tonight. We came out and played pretty good but we took three or four really needless penalties which they capitalized on. We are the masters of our own fate. I have always told the kids 'I can't put the skates on and do it for you."

Ballantyne said if the team doesn't turn it around, the series is all but over.

"If they can't mentally get it right and take bad penalties, then we're all going down together," the coach said. "And that's exactly what happened tonight. It's unfortunate because it's some of my better players and they are their own worst culprits. It's hard to bench them and put guys out there that can't win the game for you, so it's tough."



Plan to attend... The 2012 Annual General Meeting The Haliburton Village BIA (Business Improvement Area)

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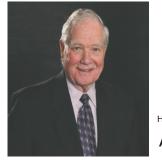
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The Computer Guy Malware has evolved

The concept of viruses or self-replicating programs actually originated with early computer researchers but was never put into play.

The first actual viruses were, essentially, pranks or fairly benign proof that viruses could be created. Most of them simply displayed a message of some sort to indicate they were present while infecting other computers through various

Interestingly the first virus to be caught "in the wild" (publicly accessible computers and networks) was called Elk Cloner and infected the Apple DOS operating system, and dates back to 1981. It was created by a 15-year-old, as a joke.

Things went downhill from there.

As computers became more and more accessible and networked, hackers of various flavours found the concept of infecting computers with malware challenging, and even began to compete with each other. Less savory elements went so far as to create malware that was destructive, simultaneously raising the stakes of the competition.

The more computers infected, the more data destroyed, the more bragging rights the hacker garnered.

Others, however, saw a different potential.

Malware today is primarily about someone, somewhere, making money.

Exactly how that happens differs depending on the circumstances and the type of malware we're talking about.

A botnet is a network of thousands or hundreds of thousands of computers belonging to everyday people that have been infected with software that, as much as possible, does no

damage and attempts to hide its very existence. This network of thousands of computers can be then remotely programmed on-the-fly to send out massive amounts of spam.

Key loggers are a form of malware



By David Spaxman

that, once again, attempt to hide their existence from view. The point of a key logger is to record the usernames and passwords of the various online accounts that a computer might be used to log into. Once that information is captured, the hacker can then access those accounts.

Toolbars are a fairly new threat, and can often do much more than just hijack a few links. Often toolbars come with a complete replacement of your browser's default search engine such that your searches are directed to their technology, or another technology from which the hacker can make money.

Ransomware has been on the rise of late, and is perhaps the most blatantly obvious use of malware to make money.

Once infected the target computer is somehow "locked", sometimes even going so far as to encrypt the contents of the hard disk and a message displayed that extorts payment for the code to unlock.

I'm certain I'm only skimming the surface, but you get the idea. The vast majority of malware today is all about making someone money.

And I'm sure that, among their peers, bragging rights are still very much at play.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@ haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Debler Wells rewards customer's patronage

By Matthew Desrosiers

For a new homeowner, seeing water blast from a freshly-dug well is just as exciting as a roughneck watching oil gush from

But getting that well for free is even better.

Ian Macnab purchased a well for his home on Mountain Street, currently under construction, from Debler Wells in November 2012.

"They got down to 165 feet and they hit all kinds of water," said Macnab. "It was thrilling just to see the whole process, how it was done. When they hit the water, the gush of [it], the whole thing was a thrill."

Macnab said he couldn't believe his good fortune when he got the call from business owner Sean Vick.

"He phones me and says 'You got the cost for the well back," Macnab recalled. "I said 'Woah! That's fantastic."

The \$4,700 well was gifted to Macnab as part of a new promotion at Debler Wells. Everyone who purchased a well throughout the year was entered into a draw. There were just under 100 participants in the draw, Vick said.

He and his wife, Denise, purchased the company from her father Dennis, who still drills for the company, in July 2011. The business has been family-run for 40 years.

Macnab said if he could he would put in another well to do it all over again.

"I was absolutely thrilled with the job that was done and to have this on top of it is just great."



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Ian Macnab receives a cheque from Debler Wells owner Sean Vick for the amount of his well purchased and drilled in 2012. From left: Denise Vick, Ian Macnab, Sean Vick and John Collins.

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FRIDAY

Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941



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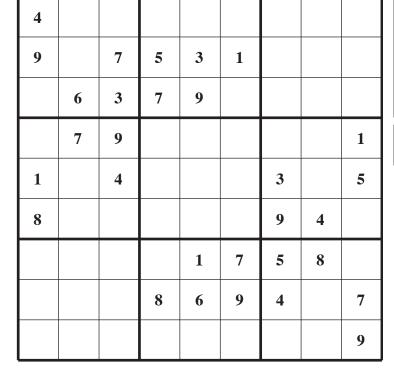
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Porcupines float in water.



Highlander announcements



Special Meeting of County Council

Take notice that a Special Meeting of Haliburton County Council will be held on **Wednesday**, **February 6, 2013** at 11:00 a.m. to approve the 2013 Budget. The Public is invited to attend.

And further take Notice that Haliburton County Council will convene a **Special Closed Session** meeting at 11:30 a.m., as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the purposes of discussing Personnel matters about an identifiable individual including employees of the County of Haliburton.

Both meetings will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden.

For further information please contact: Angela Balle, Deputy County Clerk County of Haliburton 705-286-1333

DYNAMIC INDIVIDUAL WANTED

Highlands Performing Arts is looking for a Project Coordinator for their Rural Performing Arts Symposium project. This 3-day symposium, scheduled for April, 2014, will explore the challenges facing rural performing arts presenters, producers and creators through workshops, lectures and a showcase of live performances.

The successful applicant will have: Superior spoken and written communication skills; experience in event planning and management, financial management and budgeting and grant writing; strong social media, marketing and promotion skills; proven abilities in creative problem solving.

E-mail englishlesley@gmail.com to request more information.

Mail resumés with accompanying cover letters to:
Rural Performing Arts Symposium,
Haliburton County Community Cooperative,
P.O. Box 1449, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
OR

E-mail to englishlesley@gmail.com subject line: arts symposium coordinator

Applications must be received by Feb., 17, 2013



The County of Haliburton is seeking an energetic outdoor enthusiast to work with the County Tourism Department on preparing and running the Hike Haliburton Festival 2013 scheduled for September 19 -23, 2013. Further information can be obtained on the County of Haliburton website: www.county.haliburton.on.ca under News and Notices Tenders

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a covering letter, resume and quotation in confidence no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday February 8, 2013 to:

Maria Micallef County of Haliburton Box 399, 11 Newcastle St. Minden, ON KOM 2KO

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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All our love, Barbara & Anne



County of Haliburton

Citizen Appointment to County Tourism Development Committee

The County of Haliburton is expanding representation to the County Tourism Development Committee which will include a public representative who has an interest in the County's tourism industry and is not a member of the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee as they will have their own representatives. The Committee meets on a monthly basis during the daytime as part of the County Council Committee meetings and will make recommendations to Haliburton County Council.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume to the addressee below highlighting what they can contribute to the Committee by 4:00 p.m. Friday February 8, 2013

Jim Wilson, CAO/ County Clerk P.O. Box 399 11 Newcastle Street Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 jwilson@county.haliburton.on.ca

Denis Roy Arbour - April 7, 1982 — Feb. 4, 2005

The days will always be brighter because he existed. The nights will always be darker because he is gone. And no matter what anybody says about grief and about time healing all wounds, the truth is that there are certain sorrows that never fade away until the heart stops beating and the last breath is taken. Denis, we loved you yesterday, we love you today and we will love you all of our tomorrows.

Mom, Dad and Daryl

The Highlands Male Chorus presents

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at the Haliburton United Church
Sunday February 10th, 2013 at 3:00 pm
Adults: \$15 Children: \$5 Family: \$35
Tickets available at:
Cranberry Cottage (Haliburton) & Pharmasave (Minden)



Stanley EDward Wright

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

In his 77th year peacefully after a brave battle with cancer at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services in Haliburton on January 26, 2013. He was predeceased by his wife Lenore (Davy) of thirty seven years in January, 2012. Ed is survived by his ninety nine year old mother, Patricia Peters of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, sister Marlene of British Columbia, and sisters Lucille and Brenda of Saskatchewan and many nieces, nephews and extended family. Ed will be sadly missed by his many inlaws and his many friends. A special thank you to all who helped so tirelessly during his past year of grief and poor health.

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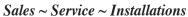
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Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike Above: A group of sledders prepare to depart for a day of riding. Right: Participants in the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's Poker Run sign in at Haliburton RPM.



Poker run raises funds for HCSA

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) netted close to \$1,900 through the organization's annual poker run on Jan. 26.

A total of 17 riders registered for the event, which started at Haliburton RPM.

"We were hoping to have 75-100 riders," said Brian Goddard, event organizer and HCSA treasurer.

Goddard said there were a couple of factors that contributed to the low number of participants.

"The weather didn't produce a lot of snow, so even though the trails were open they were limited," he said. "The other thing is when we set the date we didn't know there would be a pond hockey tournament on the weekend."

Riders were encouraged to visit several local businesses, which were listed as checkpoint areas. Those who visited at least five businesses received a gift bag.

Funds from the event, which were also generated through a silent auction, will help the organization cover expenses associated



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